



# SENATE WATCH

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## THIRD READING

### **HB 4079 (Woronchak)**

#### NURSING HOME COMPLAINTS

First, HB 4079 amends current law provisions which require the Department of Consumer and Industry Services to distribute a pamphlet outlining the procedure for filing a complaint by specifying that the pamphlet be printed in large type and utilize easily-understood, non-technical language. Second, the bill adds a new requirement that the department develop and distribute a model standardized complaint form containing certain information along with the pamphlet. Finally, the bill requires the department to take affirmative action towards the development and implementation of an electronic filing system to allow individuals to file nursing home complaints on-line.

FOR (AARP): House Bill 4079 is needed to ensure a timely response to consumer complaints about violations of nursing home laws and regulations that place a resident in jeopardy.

- **HB 4079 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.**

### **HB 4139 (Rivet)**

#### MILITARY HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act permits a member of the armed forces who was resident of the state at the time of enlistment or has maintained a residence in the state, and who is stationed outside of the state, to obtain a hunting or fishing license (if not distributed on the basis of a lottery) for \$1 and the presentation of leave papers.

The bill would amend the act to permit the individual to present duty papers, military orders, or other evidence acceptable to the Department of Natural Resources that verifies that he or she is stationed outside of the state.

- **Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].**
- **HB 4139 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.**

### **HB 4198 (LaSata)**

#### PERSONAL RISK/INJURY

House Bill 4198 would specify that a person who participates in the sport of snowmobiling does not thereby accept the risk for injuries to persons or property that can result from the careless or negligent use of a snowmobile by another person.

For (MTLA): Even those snowmobilers who take every recommended precaution to help make snowmobiling a fun and safe experience for themselves and others may find themselves victims of other snowmobilers' carelessness or negligence. Under current law, a snowmobiler who is injured in this way has no legal recourse. It seems unfair not to hold snowmobilers responsible for careless or negligent behavior when they cause accidents injuring other snowmobilers.

- HB 4189 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.